

## **BBH Neighborhood Advisory Committee (NAC)**

### **MEETING SUMMARY**

Oct 27, 2010 6:30pm-8pm  
Bitter Lake Community Center

#### **ATTENDEES**

**NAC Members:** Dan Stern, Fran Clifton, Gloria Butts, Greg Brotherton, Jeff Vander Giessen, Wayne Parks, Joseph Monda, Josh Freedman, Pat McCoy, Richard Dyksterhuis, Rick Barrett, Susan Eastman Jensen.

**City Staff:** Nora Liu (DPD), Pamela Banks (DON), Kerry Wade (DON), Julia Salinas (DON)

#### **OVERVIEW**

The goal of the BBH's second NAC meeting was to understand the work of the NPU process and frame the structures necessary to accomplish this work.

The topics discussed were:

- Overview of Seattle's Comprehensive Plan, and the Othello Plan , Plan Update, and Action Plan
- Establishing a NAC Governance Model, including decision-making models and membership guidelines.

The materials provided will be posted to the NAC website under "NAC October Meeting." This summary provides the key discussion points and pending items, transcribed from flip chart notes taken at the meeting.

#### **Introductions**

What connections in the community do you have and can bring into the NPU process?

Broadview Blog (Susan)

- Carkeek Park Advisory Council (Fran)
- People for Puget Sound (Josh)
- Haller Lake Community Club (Jeff)
- Broadview Historical Society (Gloria)
- Broadview Community Council (Pat)
- Aurora Safety Committee (Richard)
- Haller Lake Community Council (Rick)
- My church (name?) and 2 African Churches (Ethopian and Congalese) in neighborhood (Dan)
- Shoreline Historical Museum, P-Patch (Greg)
- Business community along Aurora (Wayne)
- Clients in the area (I am a contractor) – (Joe)

**NAC Guidelines:** It is understood that the NAC has a body of work to accomplish to update the neighborhood plan. For this reason, there was need to create NAC guidelines in order for the NAC to be effective and productive so that it can complete its work.

*Decision-making Process -- in the interest of a more inclusive, participatory, collaborative, cooperative and egalitarian decision-making process, the group decided on the following:*

1. *Use the consensus model rather than Robert's Rules of Order*
2. *If necessary to make a decision, the group will take a vote*
  - a. *Any member can call the vote*
  - b. *City staff may also call the vote, especially in the interest of moving forward on the NAC's work in a timely manner*
3. *We will need to have at least 10 NAC members and/or NAC alternates present to make a decision*
  - a. *Members who cannot physically attend the meeting can do so electronically*

*Role of the NAC Alternates – the following decisions were agreed upon:*

1. *Alternates are expected to participate in the NAC meetings and discussions, but not in decision-making processes.*
2. *If a NAC member is absent for a meeting, the top ranked Alternate will participate in decision-making processes as if she/he is a full member*
  - a. *The Alternate is expected to use her/his own judgment in making the decisions. She/he is not expected to carry the opinion of the absent NAC member.*
  - b. *For this reason, it is important for NAC Alternates to attend NAC meetings.*

*NAC Member Accountability – the following decisions were agreed upon:*

1. *It is expected that all NAC members and Alternates attend all meetings*
2. *If a member or alternate is absent for 2 meetings in a row, or 3 meetings in 6 months, the NAC will decide if it is time to remove that person from the NAC.*

*General NAC Guidelines – in addition, the NAC made the following recommendations:*

1. *We want to be inclusive in our conversations and in our decision-making. A talking stick, or other similar tool may be used if there is a consistent need to clarify who is speaking, or if the conversation becomes dominate by a few*
2. *In decision making, it is important to remember that we are actively making a decision. We should be sure we can live with the decision – that we are not just being agreeable when we are really not comfortable with it.*
3. *If we cannot attend a meeting, we will let Sebhat know as soon as possible.*

## **ACTION ITEMS**

- Update meeting summary from last time: 1) change names – titles. 2) In the section on what we love about our neighborhood: “I love Bitter Lake.” Should clarify the “physical lake” itself. 3) Emphasize the “great streetscapes”
- Send ideas about local food places to buy for meetings: Seattle mobile espresso. Also a nearby deli.
- Dan will send Nora more info on rain gardens. (Dan discussed what he saw as a priority area at 125<sup>th</sup> and Greenwood and Phinney where rain gardens and turn signals could be put in.)
- Update roster on website and email to group. Share phone/emails just within group.
- Next Meeting: Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> will include a POLs presentation and RSJI presentation (Glenn Harris)

## **Parking Lot:**

- Idea of touring the neighborhood together
- How is idea of assignment of growth targets determined?
- Implementation of the Plan.
- If wanted to delete something from the original plan, how does that work?
- Ideas for outreach to youth: North Seattle Community College, High School student Council

## **PLUS/DELTA:**

- Alright
- Color coding the handouts explaining original neighborhood plans, updates, to Comp plan policy
- Dan’s opening with something real in neighborhood – would like to dedicate a few minutes at each meeting for this type of discussion.
- Please email summary of meeting notes earlier than one day in advance.